



1st May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Updates from the Principals

We trust that this letter finds you and your families well. We are already four weeks into the Summer Term, and we would like to take this opportunity to share a few key messages.

Good Luck to Year 11 and Post 16

The formal public examination season begins next week. We would like to pass on our best wishes to students in Year 11 and in Post 16 who are sitting GCSE, 'A' Level and other examinations. Students and their teachers have been working hard to prepare for these exams and we have every confidence that the students will receive the great results they deserve in August. We would like to thank you for supporting your young people at this important time. They couldn't do it without you! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the College in the normal way.

Attendance Matters

When Ofsted visited us in October 2023, we agreed an Area for Improvement to continue working with parents/carers to improve students' attendance. As you know, we have a mantra of 'Every student every lesson every day'. We thank you for pushing this with your child.

To address this area for improvement, we have enhanced the staffing in our dedicated Attendance Team:

Head of Attendance: Mrs E. Chamberlain
Educational Welfare Officer: Mrs G. Newton
Attendance Officer: Mrs G. Ryder
Attendance Support Officer: Miss E. Hunt

It is this team's priority to work with you and your children to improve our attendance. Please contact them at the College, if they can help with any issue regarding attendance.

Here is a reminder of some key dates for the remainder of the Summer Term:

Monday 6th May 2024 – May Bank Holiday (College closed to all)
Friday 21st June 2024 – INSET Day (College closed to students)
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024 – Half Term Week (College closed to all)

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Students will be following the normal curriculum until Friday 19th July 2024. Please do not book any holidays or 'long weekends' during the Summer Term, if taken they will be unauthorised absences. Please follow the link to the dedicated section of our website for the new guidance from Wakefield Local Authority regarding attendance [Minsthorpe Community College - Attendance Matters](#)

First Aid and Supporting Students with Medical Conditions Policy

The Governing Body has reviewed the above policy. From Monday 3rd June the College will no longer be issuing paracetamol to students on request. If your child requires pain killers for a medical condition, these can be stored in The Hub like all prescribed medication.

Thank you to 'Team Minsthorpe'

This week marks our five-year anniversary as Principals of Minsthorpe Community College. It is a genuine privilege and pleasure to work with the students, staff, governors and yourselves and we would like to thank you for your ongoing support in making Minsthorpe such a special place.

Yours sincerely

Mr M. Gilmore
Principal

Mrs R. Merritt
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